

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PROCESSING METHOD AND PROGRAM...
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before first paragraph, after title, please insert --This application is a division of S.N. 09/286,866, filed April 6, 1999, which is pending--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 12, 21, 32, 36, 45, 56, 60, 80, 90, 97, 107, 114 and 124.

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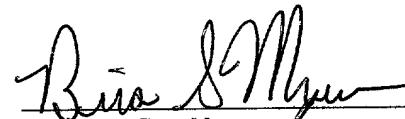
This application is a divisional of 09/286,866, filed April 6, 1999, which is pending.

Prior to issuance of a first Office Action in the present Divisional application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner review the arguments presented in the parent case in opposition to rejection of the present claims.

Early examination of the claims on their merits is earnestly solicited.

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